Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray Commons

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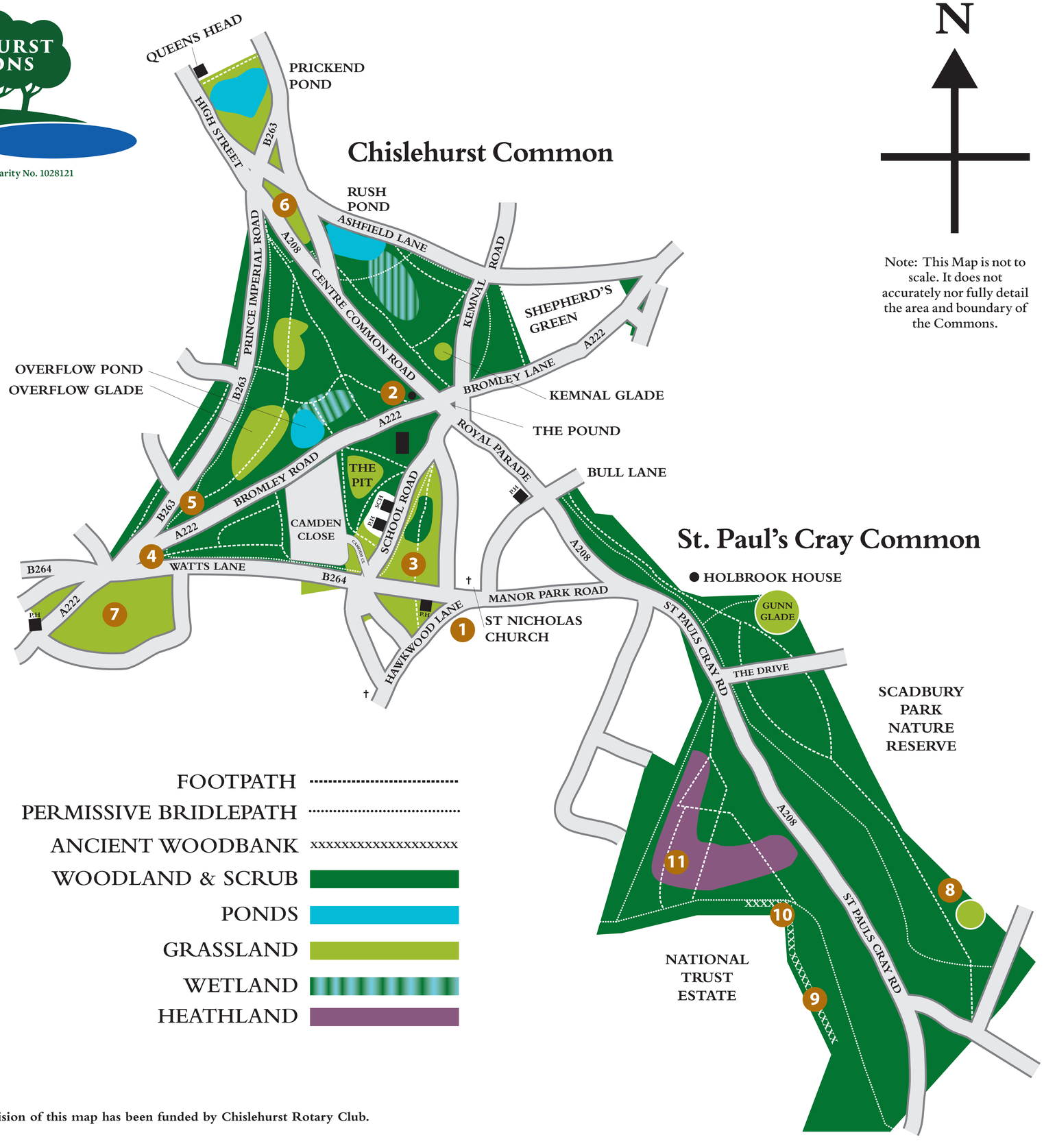

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PLACES OF INTEREST

1. **THE OLD FIRE STATION,** now the office of Chislehurst Commons.

2. **WAR MEMORIAL,** Erected after the First World War with donations from local people, and unveiled on October 20th 1920, it was designed by Sir Reginald Bloomfield, who also chose the site.

3. **THE COCKPIT,** which was used as a cock-fighting arena until the practice was outlawed in 1834.

4. **HANGMAN'S CORNER,** is the site on which a gibbet is thought to have stood.

5. **PRINCE IMPERIAL MONUMENT,** was erected by local subscription in 1880, commemorating Louis Napoleon, son of the exiled Emperor Napoleon III and Empress Eugenie, who lived at Camden Place, now the home of Chislehurst Golf Club.

6. **MAY QUEEN FIELD,** where the crowning of the May Queen has taken place on the first Saturday in May since 1923.

7. **THE CRICKET GROUND,** home to West Kent Cricket Club since 1822.

8. **DABNER'S GLADE,** A weather-boarded Kentish cottage, first a smithy, then a bakery, stood here until it was burnt down in 1937.

9. **THE WOODBANK,** with its line of pollarded oaks and parallel ditch, now marks the boundary between the Common and the adjacent National Trust land.

10. **THE WILLIAM WILLETT SUNDIAL (ON NT LAND),** commemorates the local man who promoted the idea of British Summer Time.

11. **RESTORED HEATHLAND,** showing the appearance of much of the Commons until grazing stopped a century ago.

A Board of Trustees has responsibility for managing and protecting the 180 acres of common land under an Act of Parliament. The Metropolitan Commons (Chislehurst and St. Paul's Cray) Supplemental Act of 1888 protects the traditional right of individuals within the community to free and open access to the Commons, claimed and exercised for hundreds of years.

Historically the area was two Commons, Chislehurst Common and St. Paul's Cray Common, which were the common land of the local Manors.

Under the Act, the Trustees have responsibility to preserve the natural environment and prevent encroachments on the boundaries. Footpaths and ditches must be maintained, and all parts of the Commons must be accessible at all times.

There are bye-laws which set out rules for the use of the Commons, of which 2 are: -
Horse-riding is only permitted on bridle paths marked by blue and white flashes on trees.
Dogs must be kept under control and away from bridle paths.

The Commons contain valuable habitats that support a range of wildlife. There are two paid Keepers who carry out the varied work of maintaining the woodland, grassland, heathland, ponds and wetlands. An important part of this is encouraging bio-diversity by creating and enhancing habitats.

In recent years our annual costs to maintain the Commons have been met as to one third from the London Borough of Bromley. To meet the balance, we are mainly reliant upon the generosity of local people and organisations.

Chislehurst Commons has charity status.

The provision of this map has been funded by Chislehurst Rotary Club.

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Grassland at the Rambler's Rest

Walkover Survey of the Rambler's Rest Grassland, Compartment 07 – 30th March 2022

Mary Wheeler, Kevin Jennings & Brian Knights

Method

An irregular pathway was taken across the area., with stops at intervals.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1	10.05 TQ 4367869837 Photos: KJD17497 - 17503	5%			Buttercup (Bulbous or Creeping?) Clover, Vetch, Dandelion, Red Dead Nettle, Ribwort, Crow Garlic, Cow Parsley	Representative of the area from first footpath towards trees and cattle trough.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
2	10.10 TQ 4367569833 Photos: KJD17504 - 17506	95%			Cock's Foot Grass, Chickweed, Vetch, Ragwort, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup	Tussocky

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
3	10.16 TQ 4366169829 Photos: KJD17507 - 17509	50%			Clover, Cow Parsley, Plantain, Hogweed? (A) Crow Garlic	Tussocks in places

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
4	10.20 TQ 4366269818 KJD17510 -17511	80%			Ribwort, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Clover, Crow Garlic	

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
5	10.23 TQ 4364769821 Photos: KJD17512 - 17515	40&			Nettles, Crow Garlic, Hogweed? Cow Parsley, Curly Dock	Under trees. Plants tend to be taller. Finer grasses.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
6	10.35 TQ 4364669796 KJD17516-17517	95%			Dock, Sorrel	

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
7	10.38 TQ 4363069772 Photos: KJD17518 - 17519	95%			Sorrel, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Ribwort, Dandelion	

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
8	10,41 TQ 4360469757 Photos: KJD17520 - 17523	95%			Cow Parsley, Vetch, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Sorrel, Ribwort, Dandelion	

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
9	10.51 TQ 4359469772 Photos: KJD17525 - 17533	95%	y		Cow Parsley, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Sorrel, Vetch	On the slope to the Rambler's Rest. Tussocky.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
10	10.58 TQ 4362369798 Photos: KJD17534 -17535	85%	y		Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Sorrel, Dandelion, Clover, Cow parsley, Ribwort	Tussocky. Leaf litter.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
11	11.03 TQ 4361469807 Photos: KJD17536				Tussocky area alongside the entrance road to the Rambler's Rest. Open area but between trees. Some earth mounds. Very few plants other than grass – isolated Cow Parsley, Sorrel, Crow Garlic, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup,	Strip between the trees along the path to the Rambler's Rest

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
12	11.04 TQ 43620 6 Photos: KJD17537 - 17539	98&			Vetch, Cow Parsley, Crow Garlic, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Sorrel	

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
13	11.10 TQ 43582 69805 Photos: KJD17540 - 17546	20%		y	Mouse ear Hawkweed, Bristly Ox -tomgue? Ribwort, Vetch, Sorrel, Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup,	On the slope down to the houses Finer grasses.

Site number	Time and grid reference	% grass	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
14	11.20 TQ 43636 69844 Photos: KJD17547 – 17549	50%			Bulbous or Creeping Buttercup, Cow Parsley, Crow garlic, Sorrel, Ragwort	Under trees between the path to the Rambler's Rest and Old Hill.

Site Comments

- **Most of the area was densely covered with grass.**
- **Some plants typical of Acid Grassland were present – Ribwort, Sorrel, possibly Bulbous Buttercup**
- **There were finer grasses under the trees.**
- **As few plants were in flower, most were identified mainly by their leaves - identification will be checked when the flowers are visible. (Photographs were taken.)**
- **The small area on the slope towards Old Hill, leading down to the houses had moss and some Hawkweed, and was more typical of Acid Grassland.**
- **The small area nearest to the trees and cattle trough had least grass cover.**

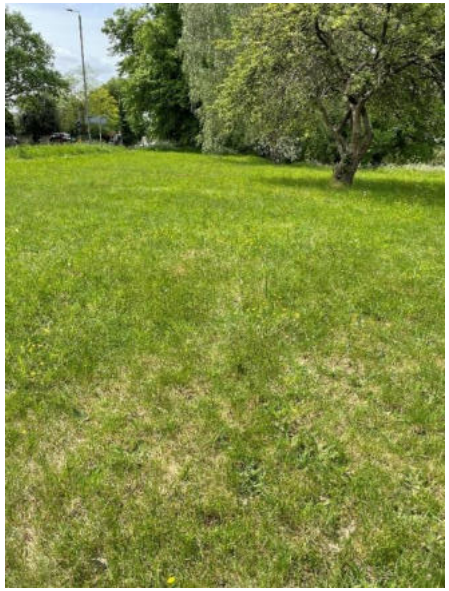
Rambler's Rest Grassland Observations – 13th May 2022

Mary Wheeler

The area was cut and raked off on 20th April 2022.

Area cut and raked in the foreground, area left uncut in the background, showing contrast in grass growth.

Close up of the uncut area.



Close up pictures of the cut grass with bare patches and bulbous buttercups in flower

Also observed in flower – sorrel, ribwort, chickweed, cow parsley, vetch, red clover.

Plants in flower at Rambler's Rest grassland – May 25th, 2022

Laura Hill

Mary Wheeler

Plant	Acid Grassland/semi-improved grassland
Bulbous Buttercup	SIG
Cat's Ear	SIG
Chickweed (common)	
Chickweed (mouse-ear)	
Cow Parsley	
Dove's Foot Crane'sbill	
Germander Speedwell	SIG
Herb Robert	
Hawkweed	
Lesser Trefoil	SIG
Red Clover	SIG

Ribwort	SIG
Sheep's Sorrel	AG
Sorrel (Garden?) over 2ft.	
Vetch	
White Clover	
Wood Avens	

Walkover Survey of the Rambler's Rest Grassland – 15th June 2022

Mary Wheeler,

Sheila Poole,

Ann Fletcher

Method

An irregular pathway was taken across the site with stops at intervals.

View of site showing finer grasses.

View of site towards Old Hill.

Slope to Rambler's Rest, not mown in April 2022.

Unmown area.

Site TQ Ref	% Grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1. **TQ** **43671** **69834**	5%	3-4%		Lesser Trefoil, Red Clover, White Clover, Common Vetch, Smooth Hawksbeard, Dandelion, Cat's Ear, Ribwort, Sheep's Fescue, Cock's Foot, Rye Grass	Lesser Trefoil abundant across the site – little grass.
2. **TQ**	50%	50%		Sorrel, Ragwort, Lesser Trefoil, Smooth Hawksbeard, Thistle, Ribwort, Common	

43673 69831				Vetch, White Clover (Rare), Fescue, Cock's Foot	
3. TQ 43666 69824	40% 40% flowering plants	20%		Red Clover, White Clover, Ribwort, Ragwort, Wild Leek	Red Clover abundant with rare White Clover
4. TQ 43653 69820	60% 10% flowering plants	30%		Wild Sweet Pea, Ribwort, Wild Leek, Hogweed, Cat's Ear, Red Clover, Sorrel, Rye Grass	
5. TQ 43638 69798	50%	50%		Ribwort, Common Sorrel, Cat's Ear, Yorkshire Fog, Fescue	Finer, lower-growing grasses.
6. TQ 43622 69790	5%	25%		Sheep's Sorrel, Yarrow, Cat's Ear, Stitchwort	Finer, lower-growing grasses. Sheep's Sorrel abundant across the site.
7. TQ 43608 69760	55%	45%		Sheep's Sorrel, Cat's Ear, Cock's Foot, Fescue	Site towards the trees – thicker, taller grasses.
8. TQ 43595 69775	95%				Mainly tall grasses – some Cow Parsley. This area has not been mown this year.

9. TQ 43581 69819	10%	85%	Y	Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Cat's Ear, Sheep's Sorrel, Red Fescue	Site on the bank above the cottages at the side of the Rambler's Rest.
10. TQ 43609 69826	70%	30%		Sheep's Sorrel, Common Vetch, Ribwort, White Clover, Common Sorrel, Lesser Trefoil, Knapweed, Wild Leek	
11. TQ 43618 69842	75%	25%		Common Sorrel, Bulbous Buttercup, Ragwort, Cow Parsley	
12. TQ 43649 69844	90%	10%		Ribwort, Knapweed, Hogweed, Common Vetch, Lesser Trefoil	

Comments

- **The area was cut and raked on April 20th 2022.**
- **Significant patches of bare earth across the site.**
- **Some AG and SIG plants – Sheep's Sorrel, Ribwort, Knapweed, Lesser Trefoil, Bulbous Buttercup, Mouse-ear Hawkweed, Smooth Hawksbeard, Yarrow – identified across the site.**
- **Grasses are mainly finer and lower-growing.**
- **Some AG grasses identified – Fescues, Cock's Foot. More research needed to identify others.**
- **There is a central strip parallel with the road where Sheep's Sorrel is becoming dominant.**
- **There is a marked difference between the mown area and the part left.**
- **Moss was only observed on the slope down to the cottages at the side of the Rambler's Rest.**

Patches of bare earth

Slope to cottages by Rambler's Rest.

Grassland at the Cockpit

Area bounded by the Cockpit, the path from the Village green to Watts Lane, the path towards St. Nicholas Primary School, and the rim of the slope down to the grassy area in front of The Crown.

Walkover Survey of the grassland bounded by the Cockpit, the path from the Village green to Watts Lane, the path towards St. Nicholas Primary School, and the rim of the slope down to the grassy area in front of The Crown – 6th April 2022

Kevin Jennings, Brian Knights, Sheila Poole, Mary Wheeler

Method: An irregular pathway was taken across the area., with stops at intervals

Sites shown plotted with Garmin GPS (yellow) and GPS phone app (orange)

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1 09.35 TQ 44310 69937 (Garmin) TQ 44318 69928 (phone) Photos: KJD17645-46	50 -60%	Y	Y	Sheep's Sorrel, Hawkweed, Ribwort, Field Woodrush, Small Geranium	

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
2 09.40 TQ 44306 69930 (Garmin) TQ 44307 69930 (phone) Photos: KJD17647	90%			Creeping or Bulbous Buttercup, Clover, Ribwort, Small Geranium.	Coarser grass than 1.

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
3 09.41 TQ 44306 69939 (Garmin) TQ 44307 69937 (phone) Photos: KJD17648	95%	Y		Cow Parsley	Tussocky with bare earth between the tussocks.

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
4 09.50 TQ 44311 69945 (Garmin) TQ 44315 69948 (phone) Photos: KJD17649 - 53	60%	Y		Ribwort, Hawkweed, Clover, Creeping or Bulbous Buttercup, Sheep's Sorrel, Small Geranium	

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
5 09.52 TQ 44309 69952 (Garmin) TQ 44309 69941 (phone) Photos: KJD176454 - 59	40%	Y	Y	Small Geranium, Hawkweed, Sheep's Sorrel, Field Woodrush	Just under the trees – representative of the area to the footpath to St. Nicholas Primary School.

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
6 10.00 TQ 44315 69935 (Garmin) TQ 44320 69933 (phone) Photos: KJD17660 - 62	95%		Y	Sheep's Sorrel, Ribwort, Clover, Hawkweed, Field Woodrush	

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
7 10.03 TQ 44313 69931 (Garmin) TQ 44320 69925 (phone) Photos: KJD1763 - 67	45%	Y		Ribwort, Creeping or Bulbous Buttercup, Yarrow, Clover	

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
8. 10.06 TQ 44316 69925 (Garmin) TQ 44319 69915 (phone) Photos: KJD17668-70	85%	Y	Y	Hawkweed, Sheep's Sorrel, Ribwort	Flat Moss

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
9 10.12 TQ 44297 69935 (Garmin) TQ 44303 69926 (phone) Photos: KJD17671- 76	95%	Y		Clover, Ribwort, Hawkweed, Sheep's Sorrel	

Site Time (BST) Grid Ref	% grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
10 10.15 TQ 44290 69932 (Garmin) TQ 44289 69927 (Phone) Photos: KJD17677-79	90%	Y		Common Sorrel, Hawkweed	Area adjacent to the start of the anthills.

Comments

- **At 6/10 sites the grass cover was 85% +.**
- **There were variations across the site – some areas particularly nearer to the main path had shorter grass growth and more moss, some were densely covered with grass.**
- **8/10 sites had bare earth and 4/10 had moss.**
- **Some plants typical of Acid Grassland were present – Ribwort, Sorrel, possibly Bulbous Buttercup, Yarrow. Hawkweed.**
- **Clover, a contra-indicator, was present at 5/10 sites.**
- **As few plants were in flower, most were identified mainly by their leaves - identification will be checked when the flowers are visible. (Photographs were taken.)**

Area at Cockpit, opposite The Crown and adjacent to footpath – observations – 18th May 2022

Mary Wheeler

The area was cut and raked off on 27th April 2022.

General view showing some bare patches and Cow Parsley.

Picture showing bare patches.

Close up pictures showing some areas with mainly grass cover, and another with Lesser Trefoil, Ribwort and Bulbous Buttercup. Dandelions also observed.

Comparison with anthill area which is never cut.

Walkover Survey of the grassland bounded by the Cockpit, the path from the Village Green to Watts Lane, the path towards St. Nicholas Primary School and the slope down to the grassy area in front of The Crown – 23rd June 2022

Mary Wheeler

Sheila Poole

Method

An irregular pathway was taken across the area with stops at intervals.

General views

Site TQ Ref	% Grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1. TQ 44316 69929	50%	15%	Y	Ribwort, Fescue, Rye Grass, Cat's Ear, White Clover, Cock's Foot, Bent	4 different fine-leaved, short grasses observed.
2. TQ 44312 69928	40% grass 25% flowering plants	35%	Y	Fescue, Cat's Ear, Bent, Sheep's Sorrel, Cock's Foot, Ribwort, Rye Grass, Smooth Hawksbeard.	Dead patch of grass.
3. TQ 44314 69935	65% 15% flowering plants	20%		Yorkshire Fog, Cock's Foot, Rye Grass, Ribwort, White Clover, Cat's Ear, Bent, Sheep's Sorrel	
4. TQ 44304 69929	15% grass			Ribwort, White Clover, Cock's Foot, Rye Grass, Smooth Hawksbeard, Mouse-ear Chickweed	Abundant White Clover and Ribwort.
5. TQ 442699	55% grass	10%		Ribwort, White Clover, Cat's Ear, Rye Grass, Yorkshire Fog, Sheep's Sorrel, Fescue	Abundant White Clover.
6. TQ 44289 69926	50% grass	10%		Yorkshire Fog, Sheep's Sorrel, Cat's Ear, Smooth Hawksbeard, Bent, White Clover, Fescue.	

7. TQ 44294 66930	**55% 35% flowering plants**	**10%**		**Rosebay Willow Herb, Rye Grass, Smooth Hawksbeard, Yorkshire Fog, Sheep's Sorrel, Cat's Ear, Fescue, Cow Parsley**	**On Bank.**
8. TQ 44300 69937	**75%**	**25%**		**Dandelion, Sheep's Sorrel, Yorkshire Fog, White Clover, Ribwort, Cock's Foot, Fescue, Rye Grass**	
9. TQ 44304 69941	**85%**	**5%**		**Cow Parsley, Rosebay Willow Herb, Cock's Foot, Yorkshire Fog, White Clover, Ribwort, Dandelion, Rye Grass, Sheep's Sorrel, Cat's Ear**	**Dominant longer, thicker grasses.**

Comments.

- **Some AG (Acid Grassland) indicator plants – Cock's Foot, Fescue, Bent, Yorkshire Fog, Sheep's Sorrel - and some SIG (Semi-improved Grassland) indicators – Smooth Hawksbeard, Cat's Ear, Ribwort**
- **Rye grass and White Clover present.**
- **Abundant finer, lower-growing grasses.**
- **Some bare patches of earth where in the past the mower has cut the tops of ant hills.**

Section showing Cat's Ear and finer grasses.

Finer grasses, rye grass and clover.

Looking towards Watts Lane, showing uncut area.

Ant hills

Grassland opposite The Crown, looking towards footpath – 9th October 2022,

(after a very hot, dry summer, with some rain in September.)

Mary Wheeler

The area in the top picture has less grass and more bare patches, while the area in the picture below has much more grass cover, although it is all on the same site. None of it was mown in September because it hadn't grown enough in the hot weather.

Cockpit Area

Survey of plants in flower at the Cockpit area – May 18th, 2022

Mary Wheeler

Comments

- **Fescues were in flower across the site.**
- **The area in front f the Tiger's Head was mown in March 2022.**

(Frequency across site – assessed by Natural England guidelines.)

Plant	Natural England Acid grass or semi improved grass	School Road from the Crown to 1st footpath	School Road to Watts Lane between the footpaths	Watts Lane from corner of School Road to 1st footpath	Watts Lane to main footpath	Watts Lane in front of Tiger's Head and /St. Nicholas Church	Watts Lane verge
Bird's-foot	AG					Y	
Bluebell						Y (under tree)	
Bulbous Buttercup	SIG	Y	Y		y	y	y
Cat's Ear	SIG	Y	Y (A)	A (F)	Y	Y	Y
Cleavers		Y					Y
Cow Parsley		Y		Y (towards verges)		Y (under trees)	Y (A)
Common Chickweed					Y	Y	Y

Common Plantain		**Y**				**Y**	**Y**
Daisy						**Y**	
Dandelion						**Y**	
Dove's-foot Crane'sbill						**Y**	
Goat Beard						**Y**	**Y**
Heath Bedstraw	**AG**		**Y (A)**	**Y (F)**	**Y**		
Herb Robert				**Y (R)**		**Y**	**Y**
Lesser Trefoil	**SIG**					**Y**	
Mouse-ear Chickweed				**Y (R)**		**Y**	
Mouse-ear Hawkweed	**AG**	**Y**	**Y (F)**	**Y (A)**	**Y (F)**	**Y**	
Ragwort							**Y**
Ribwort	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**
Sheep's Sorrel AG	**AG**	**Y (A)**	**Y (A)**	**Y (A)**	**Y (A)**	**Y**	
Sorrel (garden? Over 2ft tall)		**Y**		**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	
Sow Thistle	**SIG**						**Y**

Speedwell						**Y (under tree)**	
Vetch						**Y**	
White Clover						**Y (R)**	

The Centre Common area – including the May Queen site, the Heathfield Lane Triangle, the Peace Tree area and the area above Prickend Pond

Centre Common area - plants in flower – May 11th, 2022

Mary Wheeler

Sheila Poole

Notes

- The May Queen Site was mown the previous day
- Field Wood-rush, Grape Hyacinth and Cowslip were recorded on the Heathfield Lane triangle in March/April 2022.
- **(Frequency across site – assessed by Natural England guidelines.)**

Pant	Natural England Acid grass or semi improved grass	Heathfield Lane Triangle	Heathfield Lane Triangle – unmown section	Heathfield Lane verge	May Queen site	May Queen site – Ashfield Lane verge	May Queen site (earth bund)	May Queen site – uncut area at top of field	May Queen site – uncut area along Centre Common Road	Triangle above Prickend Pond
Bird's Foot Trefoil	**AG**					**Y**				
Black Medick	**SIG**			**Y**			**Y**			
Bluebell				**Y**						
Buck'shorn Plantain	**AG**				**Y**	**Y**				
Bulbous Buttercup	**SIG**	**Y (A)**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**			**Y**	**Y**	**Y**

Cat's Ear										**Y**
Chickweed (sticky)		**Y**			**Y**					**Y**
Chickweed (mouse-ear)		**Y (F)**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**			**Y**	**Y**
Chickweed (common)										**Y**
Cleavers			**Y**				**Y**			
Common Plantain					**Y**	**Y**				**Y**
Corn Speedwell					**Y**					
Cow Parsley			**Y**					**Y**	**Y**	**Y**
Curly Dock				**Y**						
Daisy					**Y**	**Y**				**Y**
Dandelion		**Y**		**Y**	**Y**	**Y**		**Y**	**Y**	
Dove's Foot Crane'sbill					**Y**	**Y**				
Garlic Mustard							**Y**			
German Chamomile							**Y**			
Germander Speedwell	**SIG**				**Y**	**Y**		**Y**	**Y**	
Herb Robert							**Y**			
Lesser trefoil	**SIG**	**Y (F)**		**Y**						**Y**

Round leaved Crane'sbill							**Y**			
Red Clover	**SIG**	**Y (R)**								
Ribwort	**SIG**	**Y (A)**	**Y**	**Y**		**Y**	**Y**		**Y**	**Y**
Sheep's Sorrel	**AG**	**Y (A)**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**				**Y**
Shining Crane'sbill							**Y**			
Sorrel (Common? Garden?)	**SIG**	**Y**								
Sow Thistle						**Y**	**Y Spiny)**			
Spotted Medick				**Y**						
Spurge							**Y**			
Star of Bethlehem				**Y**						
Vetch (common)		**Y**	**Y**	**Y**						**Y**
White Clover				**Y (R)**						
Wood Avens									**Y**	
Yarrow	**SIG**		**Y**			**Y**				

Survey of flowering plants on the Centre Common area – 27th July 2022

Jennifer Ball

Sheila Poole

Mary Wheeler

- The ground was very dry – drought conditions

Plant	Natural England Acid grass or semi-improved grass	Heathfield Lane Triangle	Heathfield Lane Verge	MQS	Ashfield Lane Verge	Prickend Pond Triangle	Peace Tree Triangle
Bindweed				Y (Field Bindweed)		Y	
Bird's Foot Trefoil	AG			Y			
Bristly Ox-tongue					Y		
Buck's Horn Plantain	AG	Y			Y	Y	Y
Cat's Ear	SIG	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y
Common Dock			Y				
Dandelion					Y		

Dove's Foot Crane'sbill		**Y**				**Y**	
Fiddledock			**Y**				
Greater Plantain					**Y**		
Harebell	**AG**			**Y**			**Y**
Hawk's Beard	**SIG**	**Y**		**Y**		**Y**	**Y**
Hedge Mustard					**Y**		
Knapweed	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**
Ragwort		**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**		
Ribwort	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**
Sheep's Sorrel	**AG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**		**Y**
White Clover				**Y**	**Y**		
Wild Carrot	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**			
Yarrow	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**	**Y**
Yellow Rattle	**AG**	**Y**	**Y**				

Overflow Glade

Survey of Plants in Flower in the Overflow Glade - May 25th, 2022

Mary Wheeler

Laura Hill

Comments

- **Bracken encroaching at the Prince Imperial end of the glade**
- **Dense grass strip on either side of pathway to compost heap**
- **Field Wood Rush identified on site in March.**

(Frequency across site – assessed by Natural England guidelines.)

Plant	Natural England Acid grass or semi-improved grass	Triangle from the woodland towards Bromley Road to the first footpath	Centre area between the footpaths	Triangle from the footpath to gorse.
Bird's Foot Trefoil	AG		Y	
Bulbous Buttercup	SIG	Y	Y	
Cat's Ear	SIG	Y	Y	Y
Chickweed (common)				Y
Chickweed (mouse-ear)			Y	Y
Cow Parsley			Y	
Cow Wheat		Y (A)	Y	Y

Germander Speedwell	**SIG**	**Y**	**Y**	
Heath Bedstraw	**AG**	**Y (A)**	**Y (A)**	**Y**
Ox-eye Daisy			**Y**	
Red Clover	**SIG**		**Y**	
Ribwort	**SIG**		**Y**	**Y**
Sheep's Sorrel	**AG**	**Y (A)**	**Y(A)**	**Y**
Vetch (common)			**Y**	
Sorrel (garden ?) over 2ft tall			**Y**	
White Clover			**Y(R)**	
Wood Avens			**Y(R)**	
Yellow Rattle	**AG**		**Y (LA)**	

Survey of plants flowering plants in the Overflow Glade – 13th July 2022

Mary Wheeler

Kevin Jennings

- The area was very dry.

Plant	Natural England Acid grass or semi-improved grass
Bird's Foot Trefoil	AG
Cat's Ear	SIG
Cleavers	
Common Chickweed	
Cow Wheat	
Heath Bedstraw	AG
Hop Trefoil	
Germander Speedwell	SIG
Knapweed	SIG
Lesser Trefoil	SIG
Ox-eye Daisy	

Ribwort	**SIG**
Rosebay Willow Herb	
Sheep's Sorrel	**AG**
Smooth Hawk's beard	**SIG**
Wild Carrot	**SIG**
Yarrow	**SIG**
Yellow Rattle	**AG**

Dabner's Glade

Survey of Dabner's Glade – April 13th, 2022

Kevin Jennings

Brian Knights

Sheila Poole

Mary Wheeler

Overview

The whole of the area occupied by Dabner's cottages and gardens on the 1907 OS map was surveyed, with particular attention to the glade by the path to St. Paul's Wood Hill, reached by an opening.

The area behind this glade is densely covered with undergrowth - ivy, brambles, nettles – difficult to access, and in places impassable.

The glade is overshadowed at the end nearest the path by large trees.

The area is known to be a habitat for moles, foxes, badgers, small mammals and birds, and attracts butterflies and other invertebrates.

Flowering plants observed in the glade

Dock, Dog's Mercury, Greater Celandine, Cow Parsley, Nettles, Arum Lily, Buttercup, Cleavers, Dandelion, Garlic Mustard, Lesser Celandine,

There were also areas of moss.

Recommendations from the survey

Management of the glade should aim to reduce the dominance of Dock and tall grasses, but maintain the growth around the edges to provide an intermediate layer between the ground and the trees.

- Mow once a year – this year in May – leaving a 2m transition zone with some scalloping.
- Take out tree stump (see photo **1.**)
- Take out clump of brambles (see photo **2.**)
- Take out overhanging tree branch (see photo **3.**)

- Survey in July/Aug 2022
- Assess again in Spring 2023

The rest of the area should be left untouched.

PLEASE NOTE

During the survey, the well mentioned in “In Trust for Chislehurst” was located.

It appears to be full of earth, but for safety it should now be covered.

1.

2.

3.

Walkover Survey of Dabner's Glade – 22nd June 2022

Mary Wheeler

Sheila Poole

Brian Knights

Kevin Jennings

John Stiles

Ann Fletcher

Method

An irregular pathway was taken across the site with stops at intervals.

General views – sun and shade

Site TQ reference	% Grass	Bare Earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1. TQ 45295 69161	60%	40%		Nettles, Dock, Cock's Foot, Ground Elder, Cleavers, Cow Parsley, Dandelion	Nettles, Dock and Cock's Foot dominant.
2. TQ 453691	80%	20%		Bramble, Nettle , Dock, Ground Elder, Cock's Foot, Bent, Cleavers,	
3. TQ 45314 69173	85%			Bracken, Sorrel, Cock's Foot, Ground Elder, Dandelion, Dock. Yorkshire Fog	In the open with bright sunshine.
4. TQ 45316 69165	75%	25%		Ground Elder, Nettle, Dock, Yorkshire Fog, Cock's Foot, Cleavers	
5. TQ 45321 69160	80%	20%		Creeping Buttercup, Ground Elder, Yorkshire Fog, Nettle, Dock, Bramble, Cow Parsley	Under trees. Shaded.
6. TQ 45325 69162	90%	10%		Brambles, Nettles, Yorkshire Fog, Cleavers, Bracken, Wood Avens	Large patches of brambles. Dappled sun/shade.

Comments

- **The area was not cut this year.**
- **It is dominated by tall, thick grasses, nettles, brambles and ground elder.**
- **Butterflies, Peacock caterpillars and invertebrates observed.**
- **Recommendations from survey in March 2022 not implemented this year.**
- **Cut and collect in September 2022 and March 2023, and monitor - SURVEY TEAM TO BE PRESENT AT MOWING.**
- **Only central area to be cut – leave irregular margins.**

View across showing height of growth.

Views of ground cover.

Royal Parade Verges

Plants in Flower on The Pound – 1st June 2022

Mary Wheeler

- Site of Village sign is mown regularly, the other site is left.
- In parts of the Village Sign site the area was carpeted with Lesser Trefoil and White Clover.
- The area between the bus lay-by and Bromley Lane had a variety of grasses.

Plant	**Site of Village Sign**	**Bus lay-by to Bromley Lane** (under trees)
Buck's Horn Plantain	Y	Y
Bulbous Buttercup		Y
Bur-clover	Y	
Cat's Ear		Y
Cock's Foot		Y
Daisy	Y	Y
Dandelion	Y	
Dove's Foot Cranesbill	Y	Y
Hawksbeard (Rough)		Y
Hawkweed (Mouse-ear)		Y
Lesser Trefoil	Y (A)	Y

Mouse-ear Chickweed	Y	Y
Ragwort		Y
Ribwort	Y	
White Clover	Y	Y
Yarrow	Y	

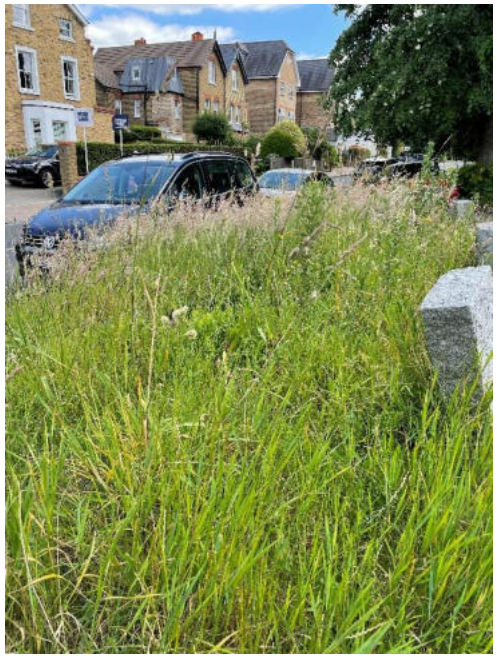
Village Sign site showing daisies and bur clover.

Grassy area under trees.

Survey of verges at Royal Parade – 13th June 2022

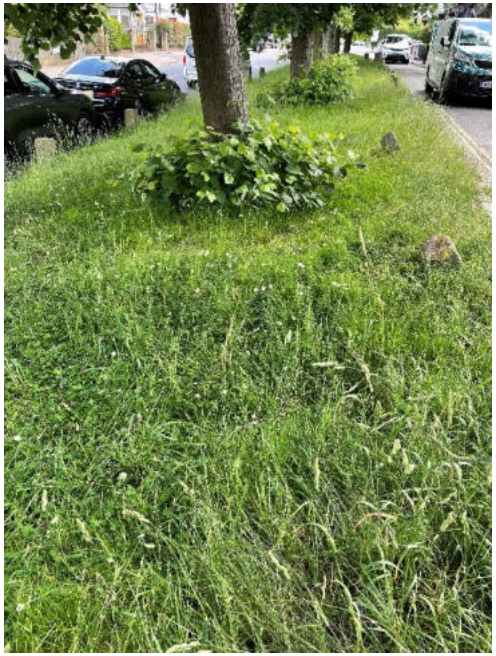
Mary Wheeler

Royal Parade Mews to Walton Lodge



Plant	Acid Grass/ sem-improved indicator (Natural England	Royal Parade Mews to Walton Lodge (Full sun)	Walton Lodge (Under trees)	Outside The Larder (Under trees)
Barley		Y	Y	Y

Buck's horn Plantain	**AG**	Y		
Cat's Ear	**SIG**	Y (R)	Y(R)	Y(R)
Cock's Foot Grass	**AG**	Y	Y	
Dandelion		Y	Y	Y
Daisy			Y	
Dove's-foot Cranesbill		Y	Y	
Smooth Hawksbeard	**SIG**	Y		
Lesser Trefoil	**SIG**	Y		
Mouse-ear Chickweed		Y		
Plantain	**SIG**	Y		
Ragwort		Y	Y – 1 only	
Rye Grass		Y	Y	Y
Sheep's Sorrel	**AG**	Y		
Sow Thistle		Y	Y	Y
White Clover		Y	Y	Y



Outside Walton Lodge

Outside The Larder

Value to wildlife – Hawksbeard

Comments

- Dense grass growth.
- A variety of grasses present in the section in full sun – only identified species listed
- Grass under trees shorter and thicker.
- More biodiversity in section in full sun.
- Grasses in flower are an attractive feature.
- The verges are away from the pavement and shops, so management should not affect pedestrians.
- People parking have to walk across the grass.
- Photo below shows wildlife is present in the section in full sun.

Triangle at junction of Ashfield Lane and Bromley Lane

Walkover Survey of the triangle of grassland between Ashfield Lane and Bromley Lane at Shepherd's Green – 1st June 2022

Mary Wheeler

Method

An irregular pathway was taken across the area., with stops at intervals.

Comments

- **Approx. ¼ site shaded by trees**
- **Site is between two busy roads**
- **Most of the grasses are fine-leaved, allowing sunlight through**
- **It is difficult to assess the amount of bare earth and moss because of overlapping plants**
- **There is abundant barley on the pavement verge of Bromley Lane**

Site views

Site number	Grid ref.	% Grass cover	Bare earth	Moss	Plant ID	Comments
1	TQ 44792 70453	50%	Y		Ribwort, Yarrow, Yorkshire Fog, White Clover, Bent, Cut-leaf Geranium, Rye Grass	
2	TQ 44784 70452	25%	Y		Daisy, Cat's Ear, Mouse-ear Chickweed, Lesser Trefoil, Yorkshire Fog, Ribwort, Yarrow, Dandelion, Bent	
3	TQ 44793 70450	25%			Ribwort, Barley, Cock's Foot, White Clover, Yarrow, Bent, Rye Grass	Ribwort very dominant
4	TQ 44782 70453	80%	Y		Yorkshire Fog, Ribwort, Mouse-ear Chickweed, Cat's Ear, Yarrow, Bent	
5	TQ 44782 70448	60%	Y		Cock's Foot, Yorkshire Fog, Knapweed, Ribwort, Yarrow, Bent + 1 unknown grass	
6	TQ 44769 70449	95%	Y		Cleavers, Rye Grass, Yorkshire Fog, Ribwort, Dandelion, Daisy + 1 unknown grass	Near trees on Ashfield Lane side
7	TQ 44774 70444	60%	Y 15%		Yorkshire Fog, Yarrow, + 2 unknown grasses	Fallowfield side of footpath, near trees
8	TQ 44785 70440	15%			Creeping Buttercup, Yorkshire Fog, Dandelion	Abundant Buttercup
9	TQ 44773 70433	90%	10%		1 unknown grass	Under trees

10	**TQ 44766 70442**	**85%**	**10%**		**Ribwort, White Clover, Dandelion, Daisy, Cock's Foot, Yorkshire Fog + 1 unknown grass**	

Site 1

Site 2

Site 3

Site 4

Site 5

Site 6

Site 7

Site 8

Site 9

Site 10

Summary

- **Cover of White C;over and Rye Grass is less than 30% - SIG (contra-indicators – DEFRA)**
- **Creeping Buttercup is present in 1/10 sites (contr-indicator)**
- **In 6 /10 sites the cover of wildflowers is greater than 30% - AG**
- **In 2/10 sites the cover of wildflowers is between 10 – 30% - SIG**
- **In 1/10 sites there were no wildflowers, and in 1 only 5%.**
- **Yorkshire Fog, Bent and Cock's Foot are examples of AG grasses (DEFRA)**
- **Yarrow, Lesser Trefoil, Cat's Ear, Ribwort and Knapweed are examples of SIG flowering plants (DEFRA)**
- **The variety of flowering pants is less than 9 in all sites (lower level for SIG - DEFRA**)

List of Flowering Plants on the Site

Plant	AG/SIG
Buttercup (creeping)	
Cat's Ear	SIG
Chickweed (mouse-ear)	
Cleavers	
Clover (white)	
Cow Parsley	
Daisy	
Dandelion	
Dock	
Geranium (cut leaf)	
Goat's Beard	
Hawk'sbeard (rough)	
Knapweed	AG
Lesser Trefoil	SIG
Mallow	
Prickly Sedge	
Ragwort	
Ribwort	SIG
Sorrel	SIG
Speedwell (Germander)	SIG
Wood Avens	
Yarrow	SIG

Prince Imperial Verge

Plants on Prince Imperial Verge – March 2022

Mary Wheeler

From High Street Corner – first driveway	
Mallow	
Cow Parsley	
Buttercup – creeping or bulbous?	
Ribwort Plantain	
Groundsel	
Allium	
Dock	
Ragwort	
From first driveway to Methodist Church	
Stinging Nettle	
Yarrow	
Common Plantain	

Green Alkanet	
Common Daisy	
Arum	
Ivy-leaved Cyclamen	
Thistle – Spear?	
Sweet Violet	
Common Dog Violet	
Grape Hyacinth	
Purple Dead Nettle	
Bristly Ox-tongue – check when in flower	
From Methodist Church to Maxwell House	
White Sweet Violet	
Lesser Celandine	
Dandelion	
Pignut – possibly. Check when in flower	
Cleavers	
Common Chickweed	

From Maxwell House to the woods	
Dove’s Foot Cranesbill	
Sow Thistle	
White Clover	
Primrose	